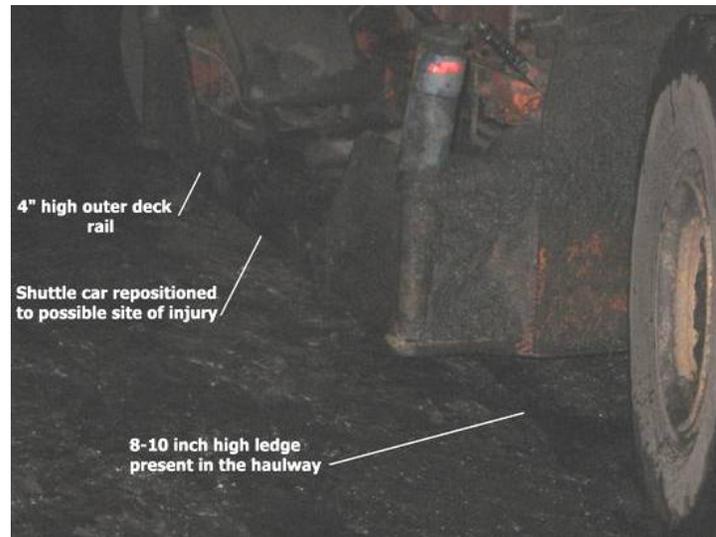




SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



On February 12, 2010, at approximately 10:20 PM, a serious injury occurred to a miner who was operating a shuttle car hauling coal from the continuous miner to the dump point.

The **miner injured** the middle and ring fingers of his left hand when they were caught between the operator deck of the shuttle car and the mine floor. The injured miner stated he had placed his hand outside the deck of the shuttle car and on to the mine floor to “catch his balance” as the shuttle car slid off a ledge present in the mine floor. The shuttle car stopped and **then apparently** rolled back on to his fingers. The injured miner was transported to the hospital.

- When operating mobile equipment, all body parts must remain within the confines of the operator’s compartment.
- Never place any body part in a pinch point between equipment and the roof, rib, floor or another piece of equipment.
- When needed, handles can be added inside the operator compartment to provide body stabilization when operating equipment on unstable, uneven roadways.
- Roadways should be maintained as even and stable as possible.